GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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OVERWEIGHT AIR HOSTESS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the overweight air hostesses of the public sector airlines have been spared from the hostess duties;

(b) if so, whether such air hostesses have been served with notice in this regard prior to their withdrawal from hostess duties;

(c)if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the total number of such hostess who have been spared from the hostess duties;

(e) whether the Govenment has thought over their future career prospects; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f): As on February, 2008, there are 22 airhostesses of erstwhile Indian Airlines, 16 airhostesses of erstwhile Air India and 5 airhostesses of Alliance Air who are grounded due to being over weight. Such cabin crew are asked to reappear for weight check periodically and are assigned flight duty once they conform to the prescribed weight limits. Cabin crew who continue to remain overweight are evaluated by a duly constituted Medical Board and based on its assessment and recommendations, further action is taken as per the Terms of Employment.